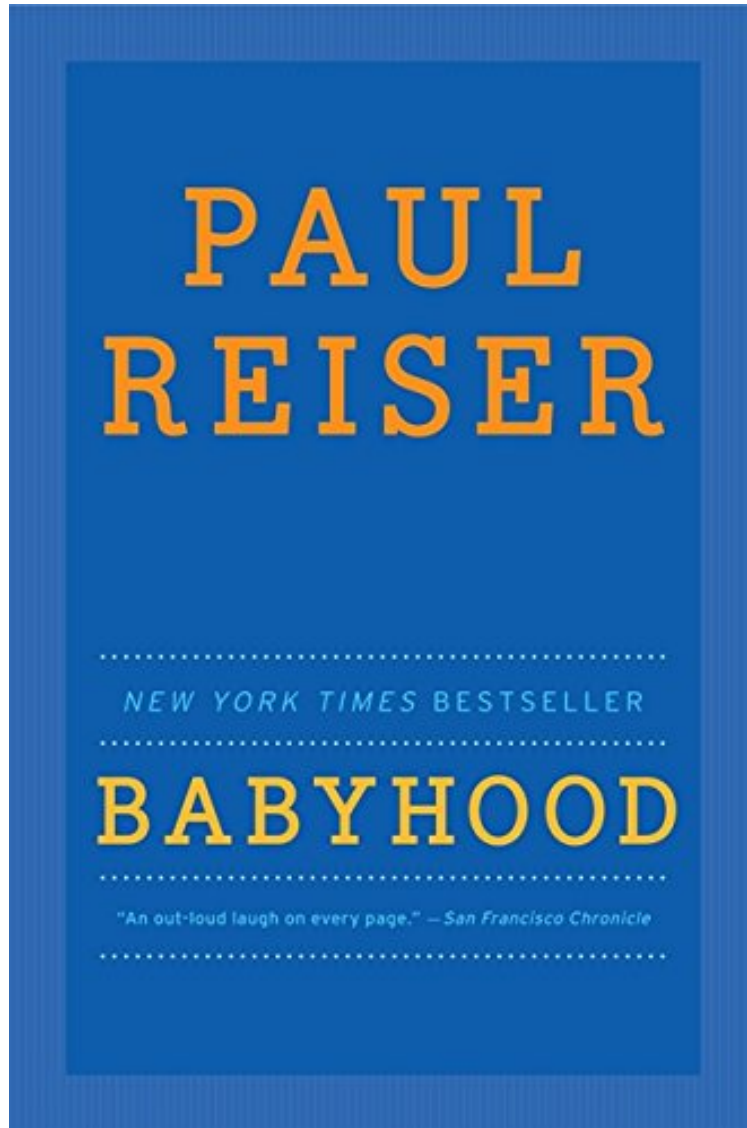


# Babyhood

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**Paul Reiser : Babyhood** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Babyhood:

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The classic New York Times bestseller from actor/comedian Paul Reiser, a book that the San Francisco Chronicle calls "an out-loud laugh on every page," is now available in trade paperback for the very first time. For fans of Reiser's long-running sitcom *Mad About You*, with Helen Hunt and Hank Azaria, for readers of comic memoirs like Tina Fey's *Bossypants*, and "for the couple considering parenthood as well as for parents who are decades past their days of diaper changing...this book hits home and hits the funnybone" (Chicago Tribune).

.com Fans of television's *Mad About You* and its star, Paul Reiser, will be delighted with his second foray into the self-deprecating self-help genre. *Couplehood*, his first book, leads logically to this next phase--*Babyhood*. In a chatty voice Reiser takes us from the "Maybe someday we'll have kids" step into the deep-sea dive of commitment. *Babyhood* begins on an airplane, with Paul and wife blissfully unencumbered by children. They are seated across from the young parents (graying before his eyes) of a terrorizing 2-year-old and a screeching infant. This sobering reality manages magically to pale in a transcendent moment of the baby's bliss, uncomplicated by drool or colic, and the two decide: "Now." Well, more or less now. First they try to get pregnant, making expeditions to the bookstore to case out the shelves of baby books; then there are the bouncy reflections on who is, after all, cut out to parent ("I don't know if, for example, Mozart actually had kids, but certainly there is no record of him ever leaving the office early to coach Peewee Soccer League"). Later comes the account of sibling rivalry between the newborn and the family dog, and why women make better moms than men. *Babyhood* manages to provoke thought about the important questions of when and why to have children, many of which are answered in the book's endearing details. "This book hits home and hits the funnybone, for the couple considering parenthood as well as for parents who are decades past their days of diaper changing."--"Chicago Tribune" Reiser knows how to wrench a laugh from sticky situations. And in his life, since his firstborn arrived, every situation has been sticky or moist."--"Los Angeles Times" A fun read...Paul Reiser has put his delightfully humorous touch on life as a new parent."--"San Antonio Express-News" This book won't help you be a better parent, but it might put you in a better frame of mind about the whole experience... "Babyhood will be a nice read while you're rocking your own little one's cradle."--"Detroit News" An out-loud laugh on every page...Paul Reiser is one of the few stand-up comics-turned-sitcom-stars who can be genuinely funny in print..if you are thinking about having a baby, Reiser's "*Babyhood* is your indispensable...guide."--"San Francisco Chronicle From the Inside Flap I'm going to be totally honest. This is not the kind of audiobook that can help you. It's not a "how-to," a "when-to," or a "what-to-expect." It's not even endorsed by anyone remotely connected to the medical profession. (Although a cousin of mine who sells carpeting to doctors' offices not only found it "insightful" and "informative," but felt that, "if properly vacuumed, it should last a lifetime.") "A fine endorsement," you say. "But if I have only one audiobook to buy, shouldn't I go for the helpful one?" Let's compare: Those "know-it-all" books tell you how to have a happy, healthy pregnancy. My book mentions a squirrel. Those books tell you how to care for a newborn child. My book describes how tired I am. Those books give you essential information you can use in a life-threatening emergency. My book has some very amusing anecdotes about poop. So really, it's up to you. If you want to be prepared and well-informed, I understand. But if you enjoy hearing the words "pterodactyl" and "uterus" in the same book, you've come to the right place.